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JOURNAL OF THE STATISTICAL SOCIETY,

JUNE, 1868.

REPORT of the COUNCIL for the FINANCIAL YEAR ended 31st December, 1867, and for the SESSIONAL YEAR ended 15th March, 1868, presented at the THIRTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING of the STATISTICAL SOCIETY, held at the Society's Rooms, 12, St. James's Square, on Monday, 16th March, 1868; with the PROCEEDINGS of that Meeting.

DR. WILLIAM FARR, F.R.S., in the Chair.

THE Council have now the pleasure of reporting to the Fellows the transactions of the Session 1867-68, the *thirty-fourth* year of the Society's career.

The alterations which have taken place in the Fellowship in the past and the previous sessional year were these:—

	1867-68.	1866-67.
Number of Fellows on 1st of March	372	366
Life Members included in that number	63	64
Members lost during the year by death, with- drawal, or default	22	21
New Members elected	28	18

The financial incidents of the years ended with December, 1867 and 1866, are briefly compared hereunder:—

	Past Year.	Previous Year.
	£	£
Balance at beginning of year	199	302
Receipts from all sources during year	878	754
Balance in cash at end of year	146	199
Surplus of assets over liabilities at end of year	1,822	1,878

Eleven papers have been read during the past Session. The variety and interest of the topics thus brought under the notice of the Fellows and Visitors assembled at our monthly meetings,

will be best represented by a simple statement of the subjects treated in each communication, with the author's name.

PAPERS READ DURING THE THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION.

- March 19, 1867.—*Mr. W. L. Sargant*.—On the Progress of Elementary Education.
- April 16, *Dr. Guy, F.R.S.*—On the Mortality of London Hospitals: and Incidentally on the Deaths in the Prisons and other Public Institutions of the Metropolis.
- May 21, *Mr. J. T. Hammick*.—On the Judicial Statistics of England and Wales, with Special Reference to the Recent Returns relating to Crime.
- June 18, *Mr. W. J. Bovill*.—On the Statistics of Civil Procedure in English Courts of Law.
- Mr. W. Thomas Newmarch*.—On Austrian Statistics.
- Nov. 19, *Mr. Hyde Clarke*.—On Public Instruction in Turkey.
- Dec. 17, *Mr. James Heywood, M.A., F.R.S.*—On the Form of Government and Educational System of the University of Cambridge.
- Mr. Samuel Brown*.—Report on the Proceedings of the International Statistical Congress at Florence.
- Jan. 21, 1868.—*Mr. R. Dudley Baxter, M.A.*—On National Income. [This paper did not appear in the *Journal*, but has been published in a separate form by its author.]
- Feb. 18, *Mr. Hamilton*.—On Trade with the Coloured Races of Africa.
- Major-General Balfour, C.B.*—On English and French Budgets.

A reference to the record of the number of persons who attended the ordinary meetings of the past Session, will show that the interest felt in the proceedings of this Society is continually increasing.

The thirty-seventh meeting of the British Association for the Promotion of Science was held at Dundee, in September last. In a previous number of the *Journal* of the Society, the papers which

on that occasion were read and discussed before the Section devoted to "Economic Science and Statistics," are set forth in the usual form.

The sixth International Statistical Congress was held at Florence last year. A report of its proceedings has been drawn up, and was read before this Society by Mr. Samuel Brown. This paper has already appeared in the *Journal*, and communicates to our Fellows a full account of the business transacted at that interesting gathering.

The Council have to express their regret at having to record the loss of an old and valued coadjutor, Sir Charles Lemon, for many years one of the representatives in Parliament for the county of Cornwall, and who was also an active member of the first Council of this Society. From the date of its foundation until his demise, a few weeks back, he took a deep interest in all its affairs, and never ceased to hold some important position on the management. During the years 1836-37, and 1837-38, he was its President, and from an early period has been one of the Trustees.

Sir Charles Lemon, in the early years of the Society's history, contributed to its transactions two papers; one upon the "Statistics of the Copper Mines of Cornwall," and another upon the agricultural produce of that county. Having reference to the time when they were written, before the existence of the means now at our command for investigating economic questions by statistical methods, they were communications of much value and interest. The first essay indeed has long been out of print, and that circumstance is some indication of the esteem with which it was at the time regarded by the public. Both contain many valuable data, and exhibit early landmarks by which statisticians, travelling over the same fields of research, may be able in future to measure the prosperity or the decline of Cornish industry in two of its greatest staples.

They have also to notice the death of the Right Honourable Baron Wensleydale, who had been one of the Fellows of the Society from a very early period. The distinction of this very eminent judge, though not leading to any prominence in the special subject of this Society, was so well established in the cognate subjects of law and legislation as to lead the Council to record his loss among those which the Society cannot fail to recognise as a matter of regret.

Among its Foreign Honorary Members the Society last year lost an ardent cultivator of statistical knowledge in the person of M. Guerry. Holding no official position, he successfully brought before the world, by his own labour and at his own expense, more than one elaborate and costly work on the comparative statistics

of French and English crime. The book, illustrated by a large number of well-executed maps, which he placed before Section F of the British Association at Bath, might well have been considered munificent had it been issued under the auspices and at the expense of the Government of either country, instead of owing its existence solely to the resources of a private gentleman.

COUNCIL AND OFFICERS FOR 1868-69.

President.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE W. E. GLADSTONE, M.P.

Council.

<i>H. W. Acland, M.D., F.R.S.</i>	Frederick Hendriks.
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	Professor Jacob Waley, M.A.

The names of the New Members of the Council are printed in Italics.

Treasurer.

James Thomas Hammick.

Honorary Secretaries.

William Augustus Guy, M.B., F.R.S. | William Golden Lumley, LL.M.
Frederick Purdy.

A vote of thanks to the President, Council, and Officers, for their services during the past year, was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the Chair terminated the proceedings.

(I).—RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS of the STATISTICAL SOCIETY for the YEAR 1867.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance in Bank, } 31st December, } 1866	£193 19 2	Rent of Rooms	100 - -
Balance of Petty } Cash	- 3 11½	Salaries	177 10 -
Balance of Adver- } tisement Cash ... }	4 12 -	Journal, Printing ...	£359 4 9
	198 15 1½	„ Index.....	5 5 -
			364 9 9
		Advertising	26 7 6
		Ordinary Meeting Expenses, viz.:	
		Refreshments	£7 7 6
		Diagrams	12 1 -
		Attendance	7 6 -
		Other Expenses	4 5 -
			30 19 6
1867.		Library (Books, Binding, &c.).....	34 7 11½
Dividends on Consols	32 9 -	Stationery and Sundry Printing	22 13 1
		Postages	24 1 1
Subscriptions, viz.:—		Fire and Light	11 9 4
16 Arrears	£33 12 -	Furniture and Repairs	10 16 8
269 for 1867	564 18 -	Incidental Expenses	28 8 2
2 „ '68	4 4 -	Balance in Bank, } 31st December, } 1867	£131 19 9
	602 14 -	Balance of Petty } Cash	10 17 1
1 Composition	21 - -	Balance of Adver- } tisement Cash ... }	3 4 6
			146 1 4
Journal Sales	£105 12 6		£977 4 4½
„ Advertise- } ments	16 13 9		
	122 6 3		
	£977 4 4½		

(II).—BALANCE SHEET of ASSETS and LIABILITIES on 31st DECEMBER, 1867.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Printing <i>Journal</i> for } December (say)..... }	70 - -	Cash Balance	146 1 4
Making Index to above	5 5 -	Investments, viz.:—	
	75 5 -	New 3 per Cents. } (£771 4s. 8d.) ... }	£742 12 1
Miscellaneous Print- } ing (say)	5 - -	3 per Cent. Consols } (£328 15s. 4d.) }	300 - -
Stationery	11 10 -		1,042 12 1
Miscellaneous	5 - -	Property (Estimated Value):—	
	21 10 -	Books in Library	£400
Balance in favour of Society ...	1,821 18 5	<i>Journals</i> in Stock	200
		Furniture	100
			700 - -
		Arrears recoverable (say)	30 - -
	£1,918 13 5		£1,918 13 5

“Auditors’ Report for 1867.

“STATISTICAL SOCIETY,

“12, ST. JAMES’S SQUARE, S.W.,

“*London, 6th February, 1868.*

“The Auditors appointed to examine the Accounts of the Statistical Society for the year 1867, herewith

“REPORT :—

“That they have carefully compared the Entries in the Books with the several *Vouchers* for the same, from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1867, and find them correct, showing the *Receipts* (including a Balance of 198*l.* 15*s.* 1½*d.* from 1866) to have been 977*l.* 4*s.* 4½*d.*, and the *Payments* 831*l.* 3*s.* —½*d.*, leaving a Balance in favour of the Society of 146*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.*

“They have also had laid before them, an estimate of the *Assets* and *Liabilities* of the Society, the *former* amounting to 1,918*l.* 13*s.* 5*d.*, and the *latter* to 96*l.* 15*s.* —*d.*,—showing a Balance in favour of the Society of 1,821*l.* 18*s.* 5*d.*

“They further find that at the end of the year 1866, the number of Fellows was 364, of whom 21 Died or Withdrew; and 28 new Fellows were elected during the year, leaving on the list 371 Fellows on the 31st December, 1867.

(Signed)	“FRAS. JOUEDAN, “EDWD. T. BLAKELY, “HENRY G. BOHN,	} <i>Auditors.</i> ”
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